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SUMMARY. SENATOR MANSFIELD PLEASED WITH VISIT TO JAPAN, UPON WHICH HE WILL PREPARE REPORT LIKELY TO RECOMMEND FURTHER CONSOLIDATION OF US BASES HERE AND GRADUAL REDUCTION OF AMERICAN GROUND FORCES IN ROK. END SUMMARY.

1. SENATOR MANSFIELD LEFT TOKYO JULY 16, PLEASED WITH HIS SIX DAY VISIT (JULY 10-16) THE LONGEST TO JAPAN BY ANY CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION THAT WE CAN REMEMBER, AND THE ONLY ONE FOR WHICH JAPAN WAS THE SOLE DESTINATION. DURING HIS STAY, THE SENATOR AND ACCOMPANYING STAFF MEMBERS VALEO (SECRETARY OF SENATE) AND JONES (SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE STAFF) SAW THE PRIME MINISTER, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, FOREIGN MINISTER, FINANCE MINISTER, JDA MINISTER, LDP MEMBER UTSUNOMIYA, AND LUNCHED WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS. VALEO VISITED HOKKAIDO AND JONES STOPPED OFF IN OKINAWA AFTER SENATOR MANSFIELD DEPARTED.

2. AS REPORTED REFTELS, SCOPE OF SENATOR'S CONVERSATIONS WAS BROAD. HE ASKED VARIEY OF QUESTIONS
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DESIGNED TO ELICIT GOJ VIEWS ON US BASES, US FORCES

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IN KOREA, NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH
CHINA, SINO-JAPANESE RELATIONS, AND EFFECT OF LOCKHEED ON
US-JAPAN TIES. DURING CALL ON PRIME MINISTER,
MANSFIELD REVERSED ROLES AND INVITED MIKI TO ASK HIM ANY
QUESTIONS HE MIGHT HAVE. MIKI COMPLIED WITH RANGE OF
QUERIES ON AMERICAN POLITICS AND POLICIES AFTER
ELECTION, ALL OF WHICH SENATOR HANDLED CONVENTIONALLY.
WHEN MIKI MENTIONED HE HAD BEEN PHOTOGRAPHED WITH
GOVERNOR CARTER AT 1975 TRILATERAL COMMISSION MEETING,
MANSFIELD SUGGESTED MIKI FIND PHOTO, AUTOGRAPH IT AND
LET SENATOR CARRY IT BACK FOR PRESENTATION TO CARTER.
MIKI SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO DO SAME WITH PHOTO
OF HIMSELF AND PRESIDENT FORD. MANSFIELD AGREED,
FOREIGN OFFICE DELIVERED PICTURES, AND SENATOR TOOK
THEM WITH HIM ON THE PLANE.

3. ASIDE FROM FONMIN'S WELL-PUBLICIZED WARNINGS
AGAINST SUDDEN US NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH PRC,
PRINCIPAL THEMES THAT EMERGED FROM VISIT WERE
MANSFIELD'S INTEREST IN PROGRESS OF US BASE CONSOLIDATION
IN JAPAN, GRADUAL WITHDRAWAL OF US GROUND FORCES IN
ROK, AND DEEP JAPANESE CONCERN OVER EFFECT ON FISHERIES
OF US LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING 200 MILE ZONE. FROM MOMENT DELE-
GATION ARRIVED, STRONG INTEREST EXPRESSED IN NUMBER OF BASES
AND FACILITIES, NUMBER THAT HAD BEEN CLOSED, FUTURE
OF CONSOLIDATION PROGRAM, ETC. SENATOR AND PARTY
RECEIVED FULL BRIEFING ON TOPIC AT USFJ YOKOTA,
VALEO TRAVELED TO HOKKAIDO IN SEARCH OF DATA (NOT
VERY SUCCESSFUL SINCE VIRTUALLY ALL FACILITIES THERE
HAVE BEEN CLOSED), AND JONES STOPPED OFF IN OKINAWA
FOR SAME PURPOSE. UPON DEPARTURE, SENATOR TOLD
EMBOFF THAT STATUS OF BASE CONSOLIDATION PROGRAM WAS ONE
OF HIS MAIN INTERESTS, THAT GREAT DEAL HAD BEEN
ACCOMPLISHED, BUT THAT THERE WAS MORE TO BE DONE);
ESPECIALLY WHERE FACILITIES WERE CONCERNED. HE IMPLIED
THAT THIS CONCLUSION WOULD BE SET FORTH IN REPORT OF
HIS TRIP THAT HE PLANS TO MAKE TO CONGRESS.

4. JUDGING FROM SENATOR'S QUESTIONS AND REMARKS OF
AIDES, REPORT OF VISIT WILL ALSO RECOMMEND GRADUAL
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WITHDRAWAL OF US GROUND FORCES IN ROK. REPORT WILL
ALSO PROBABLY REFLECT STRONG FEELINGS JAPANESE VOICED
TO MANSFIELD IN FAVOR OF FULL CONSULTATIONS WITH
GOJ ON SUBJECT AND AGAINST ANY FUTURE "SHOCKS."

5. MANSFIELD'S REACTION TO JAPANESE CONCERN OVER
FISHERIES ISSUES WAS TACITURN. DAWDLING BY LOS
CONFERENCE HAD FORCED CONGRESS TO LEGISLATE, HE

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SAID, AND LEFT SUBSTANCE OF MATTER AT THAT.
WHEN ASKED TO OFFER SUPPORT ON BEHALF OF DIET DELEGATION
VISITING WASHINGTON THIS WEEK TO PRESENT JAPANESE
VIEWS TO CONGRESS, HE SAID GROUP COULD USE HIS OFFICE
FOR THEIR MEETINGS, IF THEY WISHED.
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